

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Saitou et al.

Application No.: 10/761,253

Filing Date: January 22, 2004

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING GLUTAMIC  
ACID BY TRANSITION  
RECRYSTALLIZATION

Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: Oh

Attorney Ref. No.: US-159

Via Facsimile to: 703.872.9306

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME****Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply, 1 month(s) to December 4, 2004.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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